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February 19, 1951

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Monday afternoon, February 19, 1951 at 4:30 P.M.

Members present were: Mrs. John J. Wilkins Jr., Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Mr. Billy Weir, and Mr. Abit Nix. Also Miss Sarah Maret.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Weir. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Bloodworth reported on his investigation of Social Security for the library staff. He said that the recent meeting of the Georgia Legislature had passed an enabling Act allowing state employees to come under social security. He did not know would cover the library employees. He was advised to continue to investigate to investigate the matter further and to report his findings at the next Board meeting.

The matter of raising the salaries of the employees of the library was discussed. The Chairman appointed Mrs. Wilkins and Miss Maret to study the salary scale and to make recommendations for any changes in salaries at the next board meeting. Miss Maret was instructed to write to the Wage Stabilization Board and get a ruling on adjustments of salary for the library personnel. ~~The Director~~

The Director presented the budget for the year. It was discussed. It was moved by Mrs. Wilkins, and seconded by Mr. Bloodworth that the budget be adopted. Motion was carried.

A committee composed of Mr. Weir and Mr. Bloodworth was chosen to visit the County Commissioners and to ask for the county's continued appropriation to the library for the year.

The addition of new board members to fill present vacancies on the board was discussed. The board unanimously approved the selection of Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall as a new city board member and Judge Arthur Oldham and Mrs. Robert Stephens as county representatives. Mrs. Wilkins was appointed to write to the Mayor and Council and to the County Commissioners asking for the appointment of these persons to the board. Also she was asked to ask for the re-appointment of those members of the board whose terms expire in 1951.

No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Vane

September 13, 1951

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the library on Thursday, September 13 at 4:30 P.M. Members present were: Mr. Wier, Mr. Nix, Mr. Bloodworth and Miss Maret. Also present was Miss Lucille Nix, consultant of the State Department of Education from Atlanta.

A letter from Mrs; Grace Stevenson representing the American Library Association was read. This letter told of the Athens Regional Library's having been chosen to participate in the American Heritage Project which is sponsored by the American Library Association with funds made available by the Ford Foundation Committee for Adult Education. This letter was discussed fully. Miss Nix reported that this was an honor for Athens as well as for Georgia and asked that the board consider the matter seriously. Mr. Nix moved that Mrs. Stevenson be called and told that the board is very much interested in the project and that we would be very glad to have her come to Athens and meet with the board and discuss plans in detail. Motion was seconded and carried. The director was instructed to find out what sort of preliminary planning was to be done before Mrs. Stevenson came to Athens.

As there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lash E. Hunt

September 24, 1951

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the library on Monday September 24 at 2:00 P.M.

Members present were: Mr. Wier, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. Cabiness and Mr. Brooks. Also present were Miss Maret, Miss Sarah Jones of the State Department of Education and Mrs. Grace Stevenson of the American Library Association.

Mrs. Wilkins told the board of the library's invitation to participate in the American Heritage Project sponsored by the American Library Association and then introduced Mrs. Stevenson who represented ALA and the project.

Mrs. Stevenson explained the program fully. She said that the library would be responsible for the organization and promotion of Adult Discussion Groups on the American Heritage. She asked that two persons representing the library attend a Training Institute in New York City from October 8-12. Here they would have an opportunity to see materials which were available for the program. Discussion leaders, she said, would be selected from the region and would be trained to be discussion leaders during the period from Oct. 15 - Dec. 15. The actual discussion group meeting for the public would begin in January. She pointed out that about ten leader-training sessions would be held and that the actual discussion groups should meet every two weeks and should continue until May or June. She reported that funds would be provided to pay additional staff, if needed to help carry on the program, and to buy materials, both films and books. Transportation for leaders to attend the training sessions and meetings and for publicity would be taken care of in the budget. She asked that the library submit a budget to the American Library Association to cover these expenses.

Questions about the project were asked by several members of the board and several suggestions about the carrying on of the project were offered by the members.

It was moved by Mr. Cabiness that thanks be expressed to the American Library Association and that the board accept the invitation to participate in the program. Motion seconded by Mr. Hodgson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maut

October 3, 1951

The Athens Regional Library Board met for a called meeting at the Library on Wednesday, October 3 at 5:00 P.M.

Members present were: Mr. Wier, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Wendenhall, Mrs. McHatton, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Nix, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Milner and Miss Maret.

Miss Maret introduced Mr. Louis Wiffeth who has consented to help with the promotion and publicity of the American Heritage Project.

Pictures of the board discussing the program were taken for publicity purposes.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorale E. Thant

November 19, 1951

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the library on Monday afternoon, November 19th at 4 o'clock. Members present were: Mr. Wier, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Bailey. Also Miss Maret and Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Milner reported that he had investigated different types of projectors for use in the American Heritage Program and had found that the Bell-Howell machine was probably the best buy. It was moved and seconded that this type of machine be purchased for the library. Motion was carried. Mr. Milner was also authorized to purchase a screen for library use. The machine and screen are to be paid for from A.L.A. Funds.

Miss Maret asked for authority to purchase a film strip projector for use in the library program. Cost, she reported, was approximately \$100.00. It was moved and seconded that this machine be bought. Motion carried. It was also moved and seconded that some film strips and slides be bought for use with the machine. Motion carried.

Mr. Griffith gave a short report of the progress of the American Heritage Project, which is being sponsored by the library. The director asked that members of the board familiarize themselves with the program to such an extent that they may correctly interpret the program to persons who ask about it from time to time.

As there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Thant

December 13, 1951

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the library on Thursday morning, December 13, 1951 at 10 o'clock. Members present were: Mr. Bloodworth, Mrs. McHatton, Judge Oldham, Mr. Elder, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Wier, Mrs. Wilkins and Mr. Milner. Also Miss Matet.

Meeting was called to order by the chairman.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The budget for 1952 was presented by the Director. Budget was discussed. It was moved by Mrs. Wilkins and seconded by Mr. Hodgson that the budget be adopted as presented. Motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hodgson that any money which is carried as a surplus at the end of the fiscal year be put into a special fund which may be used for future expansion. Motion was seconded by Judge Oldham. Discussion followed. It was the opinion of Mr. Elder that this could legally be done. The treasurer expressed his disapproval of this measure. A vote was taken. Motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Judge Oldham that a salary supplement of \$15 be granted to full time workers of the Regional Library and that \$10 be given to branch workers for the month of December 1951. Motion carried.

Mr. Hodgson moved that the library be closed for the Christmas holidays on December 24, 25, and 26. Motion seconded by Mrs. McHatton. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilkins called the board's attention to the work which was being done in the garden for improvement. Members were invited to visit the garden and look over it.

Mr. Bloodworth suggested that future board meetings be called for 5 P.M. instead of 10 A.M.

As there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Orant